

27(new). The humidifier of claim 20 wherein said environmental control unit comprises a humidifier, said humidifier comprising a water reservoir.

28(new). The humidifier of claim 27 further comprising a submersible heater disposed within said water reservoir.

REMARKS

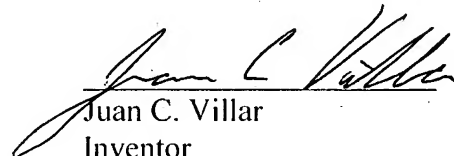
In this reissue application, there are no amendments to the issued claims, but rather additional claims 19 through 28 added. New claims 19 and 20 are independent claims.

New claims 19 and 20 are directly analogous to claims 1 and 11 in the patent as issued. The only significant difference is that all "means" language has been stripped away. This could be interpreted as a broadening of scope under the law as it now stands because "means" language is usually limited to structures and methods specifically disclosed in the specification.

New claims 21 through 28 add protection for the environmental control unit disclosed in the specification, something the applicant neglected to include in the original application. These claims, of course, narrow the scope of both the original independent claims and the new independent claims.

CONCLUSION

The claims are believed to be allowable for reissue and applicant respectfully requests same.


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